

November & December 2015 Activities at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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Birding Tram Tours (space is limited)

9:30—11:30 a.m.	Sunday, Nov 22
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Tuesday, Nov. 24
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Sunday, Nov. 29
1:00—3:00 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 11
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 14
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Sunday, Dec. 20
1:00—3:00 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 22
1:00—3:00 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 28
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 30



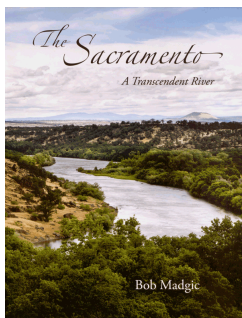
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Fly-Off

4 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 20
4 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Sunday, Nov. 22
3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 5
3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 27



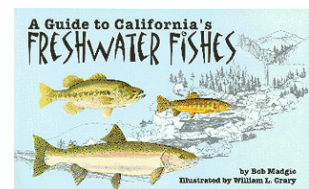
Why do thousands of geese and ducks fly off about 30 minutes after sunset? Where do they go? Join a volunteer in a discussion then enjoy the sunset and the fly-off. Rain cancels this program. Drop in at the Sacramento NWR platform. No need to pre-register.



Watching the River Run

2– 3 p.m. Sunday, December 13

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More programs and events to come in January and February!! Follow the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex on Facebook. Visitor Center is closed on federal holidays but the auto tours and trails are open daily.



More Activities at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Join a Naturalist at the Platform

1 p.m.—3 p.m.	Saturday, Nov. 21 at Colusa NWR
10 a.m.—3 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 27 at Sac. Colusa, and Llano Seco
10 a.m.—Noon	Saturday, Nov. 28 at Llano Seco Unit
10 a.m.—Noon	Sunday, Dec. 6 at Colusa NWR
10 a.m.—Noon	Sunday, Dec. 13 at Llano Seco Unit
10 a.m.—Noon	Saturday, Dec. 19 at Sacramento NWR
1 p.m.—3 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 20 at Colusa NWR
10 a.m.—Noon	Saturday, Dec. 26 at Llano Seco Unit



Drop-in anytime at the location listed above and find out what makes the Complex a great wintering spot for a variety of birds. A naturalist will be on duty at the platform at Sacramento NWR, Colusa NWR, or Llano Seco Unit with a scope to assist you with viewing and identification. No need to register for this activity. Rain cancels.



Owl Prowl

3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 19 at Sacramento NWR
3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 26 at Sacramento NWR
3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 28 at Sacramento NWR

Discover the owls that inhabit the refuge. After a hands-on introduction, venture on a short walk along an accessible trail to look and listen for owls. Come experience the fantastic owl night life the Refuge has to offer! Please register for this activity.

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1:00-3:00 p.m.	Sunday, Jan. 3
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Saturday, Jan. 9
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Sunday, Jan. 17
10 a.m.—Noon	Sunday, Feb. 7
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Sunday, Feb. 21
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Snow Goose Festival

January 27-31, 2016



This local Chico festival hosts a variety of activities, field trips, and talks in the local area and on parts of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Enjoy special tours and events by Refuge staff. Visit the festival's website for more information and to register for activities. <http://www.snowgoosefestival.org/>



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Backyard Bird Count

9:30 p.m.—Noon on Saturday, February 13 at Sacramento NWR

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 14 at Colusa NWR

Every year, bird enthusiasts around the country participate in this national event to count birds in their backyard. Come join our staff as we count the birds in our “backyard” on the refuge’s auto tour. Participants of all skill levels are encouraged to help count as we break up into groups to cover areas. Must preregister.



Come Paint Outdoors!

Saturday, February 27 9 a.m.—Noon Colusa NWR

Come enjoy the refuge and plein air painting. Bring your paints, brushes, easel, canvas or sketchbook and enjoy the sights and sounds of the refuge. This program is open to any age and any level. Space is limited and preregistration is required.



Junior Refuge Ranger Daily in January and February

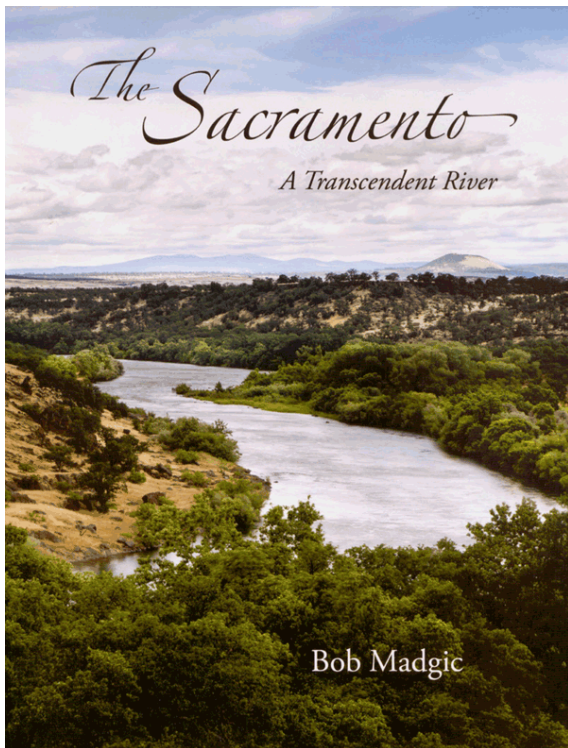
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Bird Bingo Every Saturday and Sunday in February

This game is great for young children (ages 3-8). Let your child lead the way in the search for stuffed animals “hidden” on the Wetland Walk Trail at Sacramento NWR. No need to register. Stop in the visitor center to get your bingo card. Game takes about 15 minutes.

****April and May will have spring bird walks and a hummingbird program!!**



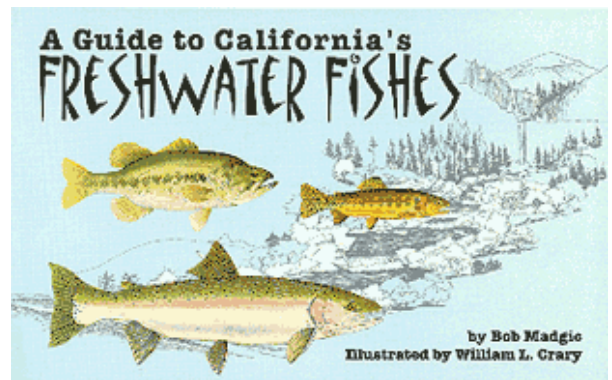


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Spring Bird 2016 Programs on the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

*Come witness the magnificence of spring as our Refuge naturalists
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*Friday, March 11 from 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

*Monday, March 14 from 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

*Thursday, April 7 from 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

•Bird Walk at Packer, Sacramento River NWR

Located off of Hwy 45 north of Princeton, this Unit has been restored to mixed riparian forest and has great songbird birding. Last year this Unit hosted a wealth of species on the walk. This is good time for migrants and we will be exploring solely on foot.

*Saturday, March 19 from 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

*Thursday, March 24 from 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Humming with the Hummers!

Every spring, a flurry of hummingbirds are zipping through the bushes and feeders surrounding the visitor center. Stop by to learn more about these fascinating “little jewels” of the bird world with plenty of time to enjoy and photograph them. This program is open to any age and any level. **We hope to have a hummingbird banding demonstration by UC Davis.

*Friday, March 25 from 9 a.m.—Noon

*April date to be announced

Pool 2 Open

This summer permanent pond provides an additional mile to the Sacramento NWR auto tour loop. Loop is open March 15—Sept. 10. See nesting grebes, Canada geese, river otters, and more.



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